IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the Title to read as follows:

OPTICAL DISC, RECORDING APPARATUS, READING APPARATUS, RECORDING METHOD AND READING METHOD

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 4, line 27 as follows:

The above-mentioned object of the present invention is achieved by a write-once optical disc onto which data is recorded in units of clusters, the write-once optical disc including a temporary defect management area, wherein one or more structures for updating defect management are recorded in the temporary defect management area, and each structure performs update separately, each of the structures includes at least one not-defective cluster in which a defective area list and structure information are included, the defective area list includes entries for one or more defective areas in the optical disc, the entries in the defective area list of each structure have been sorted in accordance with information of defective areas, the structure information is arranged in a last cluster of each structure, and the structure information includes a plurality of pieces of position information that indicate positions of clusters each of which includes a part of the defective area list. ~~that includes a temporary defect management area, wherein a plurality of defective area lists and structure information are recorded in the temporary defect management area, the plurality of defective area lists indicate at least one defective area in the optical disc, the structure information includes a plurality of pieces of position information that indicate positions of the defective area lists in the temporary defect management area, the plurality of pieces of position information corresponding one-to-one to the defective area lists, and the plurality of pieces of position information are arranged in an order in which the defective area lists corresponding thereto are read out.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 14 as follows:

With the above-described construction of the optical disc of the present invention in which the entries in the defective area list of each structure have been sorted in accordance with information of defective areas, and the structure information includes a plurality of pieces of position information which each indicate a position of a defective area list whose entries have been sorted, even if the defective area ~~lists are~~ list is arranged discretely in the temporary defect management area, the defective area ~~lists are~~ list is read out onto the memory based on the plurality of pieces of position information in the structure information, so that the entries in the defective area list are arranged in the memory in the same order as have been sorted preliminarily. ~~in an order in which the plurality of pieces of position information corresponding thereto are arranged in the structure information, so that the defective area lists are read out in a predetermined order and are arranged in the memory in the same order.~~

Please delete the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 23:

~~When the predetermined order is an ascending order of the addresses of defective areas indicated by the defective area lists, the defective area lists are read out and arranged on the memory in the ascending order of the addresses of defective areas indicated by the defective area lists.~~

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 28 as follows:

~~Since the order of reading out the defective area lists is indicated by the plurality of pieces of position information that respectively correspond to the defective area lists, there~~ There is no need to arrange the defective area ~~lists~~ list sequentially even if the temporary defect management area includes a defective cluster. The defective area ~~lists~~ list can be arranged in discrete sequential areas including the defective cluster. That is to say, a random arrangement of the defective area ~~lists~~ list is possible.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 6, line 8 as follows:

With the above-stated construction, the defective area ~~lists~~ list can be arranged randomly even if the temporary defect management area includes a defective cluster. Accordingly, with the above-stated construction, when a ~~plurality of~~ defective area ~~lists~~ list ~~are~~ is to be written in a sequence of clusters including a defective cluster, only part of the defective area ~~lists~~ list needs to be written as a retry, instead of all of the defective area ~~lists~~ list. As understood from this, the construction of the present invention prevents the temporary defect management area (TDMS) from being consumed rapidly since it reduces the defective area ~~lists~~ list to be written in a retry.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on Page 5, line 14 as follows:

With such a construction in which defective area ~~lists~~ list need not to be written sequentially in order into a defective cluster and the succeeding clusters, the freedom in arranging the defective area ~~lists~~ list is increased.